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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, DCI/DDCI Executive Staff

FROM: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: President's Intelligence Oversight Board  
Meeting, 31 July 1987

1. I met this morning with Senator Baker, Presidential Counsel A. B. Culvahouse, Frank Carlucci, and the NSC General Counsel, followed by a meeting with Charles Jarvis Meyers and Charles Tyroler II, members of IOB, and their Counsel, Bretton Sciaroni. Dr. Campbell is still recovering from surgery.

2. Before joining the IOB members, I expressed the view that the role of IOB should not be diminished and that this would be a particularly inappropriate time to do so. I suggested that if perhaps Counsel was overworked, some support could be given, but I opposed a major enlargement of the staff. The main concern we all had was in the propriety of releasing a public report by IOB.

3. When the IOB members joined the meeting, this subject quickly came up. They assured us that their report was for the President and that they would never release anything, although apparently Dr. Campbell had suggested that the President might want to do so. It was clear from the beginning that what they were seeking was as much information as the House and Senate Select Committees were receiving on findings, plus a good faith continuation of the semi-annual briefings on covert actions. It was also apparent that the IOB thought there might well be occasions in which the President would decline to notify Congress but would nevertheless appreciate their being kept advised on a timely basis, although this was his call.

4. I agreed with this approach. The function of the IOB is to protect the President and it cannot function unless it is informed of situations which might require the IOB's judgment and advice to the President. I am not aware of any leaks coming out of IOB in nine years in Washington. 'Timely' is rapidly becoming translated as two working days and we ought to be able to accommodate the IOB within this time frame. The mechanics need to be worked out, whether deliveries by courier or briefing a resident member or possibly another alternative. The two IOB members present did not seem to feel that they needed to keep any materials that might be shown to them in connection with findings. Our SOP should be timely notice of findings if the President does not direct otherwise.

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5. The semi-annual briefings should be continued and should be forthright and candid. The IOB members requested that at least one of these briefings be given by the DCI and I agree. I can always have the DDO present to provide the substantive information if I am not conversant with the details. It is clear that they want to be able to see me and to voice any concerns that they may be harboring.

6. I thought it was a very good meeting and I would like to follow up quickly to be sure that the DDO and others concerned are on board. Apparently they are concerned, based upon historical experiences, that there are changes in key figures at the CIA who are unaware or not in favor of established lines of communication, and they don't want any gaps to develop.

7. Please let me have your suggestions on how best to communicate these decisions to the appropriate officers of the Agency. *W H Webster*

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